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MONTEREY NEWS

OUR TOWN

February, 1980

Special Town Meeting Report

All articles on the warrant at the special town meeting in January passed without particular indident with the exception of an amendment in meaning to Article I which was written as if the sum to be transferred were for interest on a note for purchase of the fire truck, when, in fact, the interest was on a loan taken out by the Town during a period before tax payments had come in. There wasa presentation by Chairman Ray Ward of the newly established Salary Commission explaining the recommendations in Article 6 for raises in salary to the Highway Crewand its Superintendent. Raises were made retroactive to January 1. The Commission recommends to the Selectmen that there be a job description written for the job of Highway Superintendent. Interviews are now being held with all Town Officers and Employees. Information received during these interviews will be assimilated into recommendations to be presented at the Annual Town Meeting this spring regarding salaries.

Monterey Energy Project

The Monterey Energy Project in cooperation with The Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities and Public Policy and the Berkshire Alliance for Safe Energy will be putting on a day-long forum on energy policy and planning sometime in late April.

The Massachusetts Foundation awarded money for a series of six energy days to be held throughout Berkshire County, and Monterey has been picked to host one of these events. Monterey Energy Day will bring the many issues of the energy crisis to townspeople. Speakers will be invited representing a broad range of opinion and approach to the problems. More information will be available in the next issue.

The Monterey Energy Project is preparing grants to two federal energy programs and has been invited to apply to a state program on energy planning that is just being set up. The grants request assistance for energy planning. The Energy Project has included a letter which appears elsewhere in this issue of the Monterey News.

The Skating Rink

Joel Schick of the Parks Commission reports that this winter's fickle weather has so far prevented the establishment of a skating rink in Greene Park. Commission members are waiting to authorize the icing over of the rink until there promises to be enough cold weather to freeze and maintain it.

Monterey Boys on Answers Please

Four students from the County Quiz Team of Mt. Everett High School were sent to Schnectady, N.Y. to compete in the Quiz Show, "Answers Please," shown on WRGB TV in late December/early January. The students were Mark Makuc, 12th grade, Captain, Doreen Reynolds, 12th grade, John Makuc, 11th grade, and Jim makuc, 10th grade. Doreen is from Egremont. The makuc boys are the sons of Henry and Anne Marie Makuc of Monterey. The team, coached by Mt. Everett Teachers Leo Alvarez and Mark Raskind, competed three separate times, winning each of the first two by 50 points and losing the third by 25 points. They won a total of $125, which was spent on transportation and food for the trips as well as for a spectator bus which carried 37 students to watch the final competition. The three teams against which Mt. Everett's team competed were Cohoes High School, N.Y., Rensselaer High School, N.Y., and Shalmont High School, N.Y. Mt. Everett has sent a team to the competition every year for the past several years. A larger team competes every month in the County Quiz at various schools around Berkshire County.

Harold Hart Retires

The Monterey News received a request from Harold Hart that we publish his thanks to the people who contributed gifts upon his retirement from the Town Highway Crew. We felt it would be appropriate to add to his thanks a few facts about his life here for the benefit of those who haven't had the pleasure of knowing him.

Harold had worked on the Highway Crew for the past 30-odd years with only one brief interlude as second-in-command caretaker on the Schweitzer Estate. The Hart family goes back for generations in Monterey, and harold himself has become a fixture in town. At his retirement he declined to be given the usual commemorative dinner and

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asked instead for a reclining chair. That he got in addition to a goodly sum of money collected from his friends in town by Ed Morris.

Two of the attributes mentioned most often in people's recollections of their friendship with Harold are his generosity and his kindness. As Helen McKay said, "When he sees something that needs to be done, he does it; and he doesn't ask for anything in return." According to Dick Tryon, when Harold lived on the site which Lee Tryon now inhabits, on Tyringham Road below Ray Tryon's house, Harold would arrive home after a full day's work and "the screen door had hardly banged shut," when he would reappear with his mother for their nightly ride around town. It was during these rides (sometimes an hour or two long) that Harold did many of his good deeds. He would sprinkle a few shovels full of sand on the icy steps of people who he knew could use the traction; he would carry an armload of wood in for blind Mrs. Wellman; he would appear on a doorstep with a bunch of tomatoes or grapefruit. Every year he banks bagsfull of leaves around the foundation of Nina Tryon's house to keep her warm. In his life here he seems to have developed a proprietary feeling for the town as a whole. Once, after a group of high school girls had been parking their cars for a few weeks beside the Post Office prior to a pooled ride to school, Harold with no more authority than that of a concerned citizen, told them flatly that they would have to park across the street by the Grange andthat they could not clutter up the businesssection any longer. The best story about Harold's Good Samaritanship is told by Marjorie McLaughlin. One winter the old and beloved dog belonging to Marjorie and Edith Wilson died. They had a little box for him, and they went out to bury him, but they couldn't break the ground. They were struggling in the icy mud when Harold drove by. He stopped and asked what in the world they were doing. " 'Through our tears we told him," Marjorie recounts. He sent the two ladies into the house, disappeared and came back with equipment to do the job. He buried the dog as the two women watched from the window, and then he stepped back, took off his hat, and stood for a moment in silence. "We dissolved," says Marjorie.

Harold says he likes his recliner but he can't stay awake in it. Before he gets halfway through the Weather he's off to sleep. Harold has a special interest in the weather, having worked in it all these years. Here is a bit of banter we suspect he has pulled out on more than one occasion during this balmy winter: Harold says, "This is the secondwinter I've seen this mild." One takes the bait and, anticipating a story about flowers blooming in the snow along Route 23, one says, "When was the other one?" Harold says,"Theone I spent in Florida." For more of Harold Hart's good humor, try the Town Dump where he is working during the winter months. In his written note of thanks he says:

> I wish to thank allmy friends and neighbors for their consideration upon my retirement from the Highway Department for the Town of Monterey.
>
> Harold Hart

Two Gould Farm staff members, Vincent Drumheller and Monica Schwarz, were married February 9 at the Monterey Church by the Rev. Dr. Virgil Brallier. A small group of relatives and friends attended. A reception followed at the home of Virgil and Lis Stucker on Gould Road. The couple left that evening for Amesbury, Massachusetts, where they will be for a time.

At the last meeting of the Board of Directors, a three months' sabbatical leave was granted Kent Smith, who is now in his eighth year as Executive Director. He left February 8 for Portugal, where he will start a trip by foot and rail through southern Europe. In Mr. Smith's absence Edward Dunlop will be acting Executive Directed, assisted especially by Cory Loder.

For two days this month the Roadside Store was closed, so that the staff could paint the interior. Twelve painters worked enthusiastically from dawn to dusk and beyond, in fact until eleven and twelve each night. Customers express approval of the change from ivory to yellow and white, which somehow seems more home-like. A few things have been moved out, leaving more space, and a new table and freezer have been added. This might be called a glorified spring cleaning.

Rose McKee

A writer whose name now escapes me recently spoke of "living gently on the earth." Surely the time has come in which we humans need to learn to treat with more respect amd gentlemess our mother, the earth. Yet even as there is a growing body of persons who are learning the art of living more gently on the earth, there are forces and tendencies that would bring even more violence into our style of living. Life today is being confronted with an acute senseof shortages. The most criticalshortage making itself felt is energy. Panic over the energy crunch is all around us. The question is being asked, "What will happen to us and our style of life as energy becomes more and more curtailed?" President Carter has spoken of our "national interest" in the Persian Gulf. A more direct translation is that we are tremendously concerned about our oil supply. The clear threat behind his statement is that we would consider going to war in order to preserve our national interest--which is an unimpeded flow of oil. One way, then, of dealing with the shortage of energy on the earth is tobecome violent, aggressive, fighting for "our share." It is a bit hard to know just what is our share when we consider that the United States has 6% of the world's population and yet uses 40% of the world's resources. If we become violent over having less than the amount to which we are accustomed and go to war because of it we should at least recognize that our violence is over the passion to possess a much larger share than anyone else.

Jesus said the meek will inherit the earth. The meek and the gentle must be nearly alike. Does Jesus' prediction surprise you? The gentle have a very poor press. Aggressive, violent persons and their actions grab the headlines. Begin to keep your eyes and ears open regarding the gentle. There is a resurgence of gentle people and approaches. These give a new noteof hope to our world.

The gentle, as I define them in this article, are those who see the earth as having an amazing capacity for renewal. The gentle work in cooperation with the earth and thus draw out its tendency toward renewal. There is a certain violence in treating the earth as depletable. We are stripping it, robbing it, exploiting it, raping it for our selfish purposes. It doesn't take long to sense that those who work with the earth as a renewable resource develop a different quality of spirit, a different style than those whose approach is exploitative.

This becomes clearer as we focus on our approach to sources of energy. Our oil is being depleted, destroyed, at an alarming rate around the world. An aggressiveness in style is showing that cannot escape our attention. It is no secret that it is bringing out this same spirit in our international dealings. It does not take a second glance to see the aggressive, more violent style that surrounds nuclear power. Ironically, or maybe not ironically at all, even those engaged in opposing nuclear power are subtly drawn into a style that often resembles violence of the kind they have taken on as adversary.

Consider the dramatic change in style necessary for those who would work with renewable sources of energy. The sun is an amazing flow of energy, yet the sun will not be forced. The sun will yield--and is yielding--its bountiful supply of energy only to those who humbly place themselves in a position to learn its secrets. If we are to employ the winds, the tides, the soil, as sources of energy, we will receive their benefactions only as we respect them just as they are and develop methods of cooperating with them. Cooperation is the key word. When we achieve our ends through cooperation rather than through exploitation we of necessity develop a different style. I have a strong hunch that those who bend their skill toward developing renewable sources of energy will tend to become people who live gently on the earth.

I should like to conclude by reporting on some of the exciting news of movements to deal with the earth by a more gentle touch. I am not in a position to verify how many of these methods will become practicable or how soon--but the proliferation of methods that indicate a style of living more gently on the earth should be a source of hope to all.

(1) From several sources, one of them a respected science magazine, comes the information that using the bio-dynamic method of farming a land area the size of Texas could supply the food needsof the entire United States. Furthermore, the land would become richer and more productive year after year. This method of farming has had many years of proving its merit in several European countries.

(2) By an investment of $500 million to mass-produce photovoltic cells to replace gasoline generators in the Pentagon, according to a government study, the practice of continuing to mass-produce these photovoltic cells for general use could bring the cost down to 50¢ a watt in five years. This would be competitive with present costs of producing electricity with oil and coal.

(3) An inventor at Allentown, Pennsylvania has developed a simple low-cost wind turbine that has the capacity to produce electricity at 60¢ a watt. William Heronemus and his associates at the University of Massachusetts have designed offshore wind-power generators that could produce the equal of 80 nuclear power plants, more than enough to supply all New England with power.

(4) The Federal Power Commission estimates that 54,000 megawatts--more power than we now get from all our nuclear reactors--could be harnessed at dams that already exist but do not have turbines.

(5) A Purdue scientist has developed a way to convert plant matter into glucose, the raw material for ethanol. He says this would make it possible to turn the nation's annual one billion tons of waste into 375 billion tons of fuel grade alcohol--over 90 billion gallons--at a retail cost of about 80¢ a gallon.

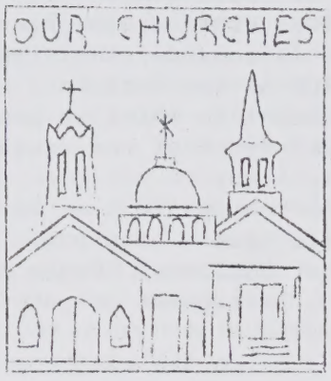
(6) We have water and the sun. These are the basic ingredients needed to produce hydrogen. This, along with alcohol, is a completely non-polluting fuel. It is relatively simple to convert gasoline burning automobiles to alcohol or hydrogen.

(7) Last summer Nick Nicholson, who builds solar houses in Quebec, reported

that it is possible to build a solar home in the snow belt that is 80% heat efficient at no more cost than an ordinary home. Solar technology is improving steadily.

This is just a sampling of many developments pointing toward an approach that calls for living more gently on the earth. There is clearly a message of hope that is beginning to filter through all the pessimistic outlooks that bombard us from all sides. Now is the time for those who desire to live more gently on the earth to begin to shift the tide of thought and action in that direction. What are you waiting for?

Virgil V. Brallier, Minister
Monterey United Church of Christ



CATHOLIC CHURCHES

Masses Schedule: Our Lady of the Valley, Sheffield, Saturday, 5:30 p.m.; Sunday, 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. Immaculate Conception, Mill River, Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Notes: Morning Worship each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. During the winter months services are being held in the social room.

Meditation and Prayer Group: This group that meets each Thursday morning at 7:30 a.m. has a true community flavor. It is designed to "touch" the larger community. Any person in the community is invited who wants to meet with others while beginning the day. The time is spent largely in silent meditation, with the final part of the period being used to pray "for all kinds and conditions" of persons. The response has been gratifying, there being in attendance usually from 6 to 9 persons. Persons attending are asked to dress warmly.

Lenten Bible Study: Beginning with Ash Wednesday, February 20, at 7:30 p.m., we will have a Bible study during the Lenten period based on the theme, "Similarities in Christ's Life and Ours." As a primary resource the gospel and the epistle lessons of the Sunday lectionary will be used. For February 20 the scriptures to study are Luke 4:1-13 and Romans 10:8-13. The weekly sessions will be held in different homes in the community. The first session will be held in the home of Raymond and Mary Ward.

Ommission in Music Committee Report: In the Annual Report of the church there was the inadvertent omission of a paragraph in the Music Committee Report. This omission left untold the story of the search for an organist. The report had told of the various changes and persons through which we had passed. The paragraph that got omitted in the final typing told of the "solution" -- the services of Mary Sandbach. In April Mary Sandbach agreed to play the piano until we could find an organist. After a short time she began playing the organ and, except for the short periods when we had guest organists, she has continued to play for us. We have been so grateful for the inspiration of her music, her deep devotion and her quiet strength.

MONTEREY GRANGE #291

Monterey Grange met on February 6, 1980, for a Lincoln and Valentine Program.

The Grange voted to let Deputy Lucy A. Wuori use the Grange Hall for an Exemplification meeting.

Berkshire South Pomona will meet at Monterey Grange Hall on February 27. The Worthy Lecturer has information and tickets for the Pomona Banquet March 8.

The next meeting will be March 5 at an open meeting. Booster Night will be observed. Deputy Lucy Wuori, Julie Markham, a member of the State Youth Committee, and Michael Martin, Membership Chairman of the State Grange, will be present and there will be a Variety Program. Non-members are welcome.

Mary Wallace
Lecturer

Dear Monterey Resident:

In the next month, the Monterey Energy Project will be applying to both the state and federal governments for grants to continue our energy planning.

We are proposing a project that includes:

- the house to house energy audit that we've already begun
- an inventory of energy resources in town: a detailed accounting of wood supplies, the prospects for wind and water power, and a study of active and passive solar heating prospects
- a town-wide cooperative conservation and weatherization program
- demonstration projects for both wind and water, a town windmill and small hydro project

What have we done so far?

- organized a strong energy committee - 56 Monterey residents have attended our meetings
- sponsored special meetings on water power and wind power
- prepared and distributed our energy audit form. More than 60 forms have been turned in already.
- spoken throughout Berkshire County about the need for energy planning

Senator Paul Tsongas has written us: "I commend the members of your committee for taking the initiative in our national struggle for energy independence."

Harriett Stanley of Governor King's Energy Office has written: "Your recent letter describing the Town of Monterey's energy planning efforts was more timely than you know - that very day I was writing the municipal/community energy section of the state's Energy Extension Service (EES) plan, and the information you included really whipped up my enthusiasm!"

We are a group of town residents of all ages and backgrounds. We belong to different political parties and are interested in working together to solve the energy crisis here in the town we live in and vacation in.

We would like to show the federal and state governments that we have wide support in town. We're asking you to register that support. We'd like everyone in town to become a member of the Monterey Energy Project.

If you'd like to help, please fill in the blank below and mail it in as soon as possible. Thank you.

__ Yes, I consider myself a member of the Monterey Energy Project.

__ I've enclosed some money to pay for postage, copying, and publicity costs.

Name: _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Mail to: Monterey Energy Project, Box 146, Monterey

BOY SCOUTS

Cub Scouts The bears in Den I went recently to the New Marlborough Historical Society Museum in the New Marlborough Town Hall. Mrs. Alberta Koch showed them around the museum. At their next meeting, a representative from the Post Office in Pittsfield is coming to give a lecture on stamp collecting.

At a Pack Meeting, Friday, February 15, the following awards were given: Bobcat, Scott Sheriden; Wolf, Steven Funk, Ryan Kidney, John Cantelari, Erik Callahan, Joel Kolodner, Frederick Vorck, Russell Hopkins; Bear, Christopher Makuc, Edward Harvey, Mark Seavey, Douglas Brown, James Decker, John Blanchard, Steven Saunders.

GIRL SCOUTS

Brownies The brownies have been working on valentines. One week they made valentine cards, some of them including poetry. The next week they made cookies holders out of red paper platesand doilies. The plates will hold the valentine cookies they madethe third week, just in time for Valentine's Day at which time they will present their valentine gifts to someone about whom they care. It was discussed at the meetings that valentines don't go exclusively to sweethearts but rather to anyone special.

PTA

The PTA is on its winter break. At the next meeting, March 8 at 7:30 at New Marlborough School, the agenda will include a discussion with teachers on how they determine grades for the children.

PATCHWORK CLOWN NURSERY SCHOOL

The Patchwork Clown Nursery School in Mill River, sponsored by the Children's Health Program of Berkshire County, will be visited by an eighth grade childcare class from Taconic Hills Central, Hillsdale New York, on Tuesday, February 12. Thirty eighth grade girls will observe and participate in nursery school techniques as well as listen to a lecture by Linda Small of CHP.

MS Readathon at Mill River School

Students at Mill River School raised $287.90 duringthe MS Readathon last year. All together the children read 354 books. Grade 2, under Mrs. Eugene O'Connell, was awarded a Readathon Banner for the greatest participation (15 students). All participating students received a certificate for a meal at McDonald's. Monterey children who participated were Nancy Phillips, Anne Marie Makuc, Janny Brown, Megan Bradley, Peter Briggs, Shelby Loder, Christopher Makuc, Michael Stegens, and Douglas Brown. Special awards for the greatest number of books read went to Natasha Grotz, Jessica Thorn, and Laurie Hurd. The school received a certificate of appreciation from the MS Society.

First Grade Studying Trains

The First Grade at Mill River School has been studying trains. Recently they received a visit from former train conductor Robert Burghardt from Housatonic who had worked before his retirement on both the Penn Central and the New Haven Railroads. On Bebruary 13 they traveled to Millsdale, N.Y. to the Molasses Hill and Western Model Railroad Club headquarters in the basement of the home of Dr. Patrick Del Grande. A model train set up with a full mainline train and 800 feet of track has been there since 1970. It takes eight men to handle the controls when all trains are mobilized.

Youth News

After the reorganization into Junior Youth Group and Youth Group, the former segment of the original Youth Group elected officers they are as follows: President, Jeffrey Gauthier, Vice President, Bruce Amstead, Secretary, Connie Amstead, Treasurer, Randy Burkholder, Communications officer, Michele Grotz, Activity coordinator, Ellen Whitbeck, Recreation Coordinator, B.B. Burkholder. Senior Youth Group members will attend a Weekend Retreat from February 29 to March 2 at the Silver Lake Conference Center, Sharon Connecticut.
In both groups there is now a more vigorous recreational program. Several new games have been introduced and enjoyed. There is a particular need for a folding pingpong table. If anyone ismoved to donate such an item, the young people will accept it gratefully.

Presidential Classroom

Mark Makuc is the first student ever selected from Mt. Everett High School to attend the annual, week-long Presidential Classroom offered to specially qualified students in Washington, D.C. The even is held during the week of February 9 to 16. It is an intensive course on government during which students meet politicians, investigate every branch of the national government and attend lectures every evening. We can expect a report from Mark in next month's Monterey News.

P E R S O N A L S

John Bodner, on Lime Rock Road, received his Master of Social Work degree from the School of Social Work of the University of Connecticut in West Hartford. He is currently employed by the Department of Children and Youth Services of Connecticut, working out of Torrington.

James Bryce, the son of Dale and Jo-ann Finkle, was baptized in the Monterey United Church on January 27. The god-parents were Carol Tewksbury and Larry Hankey.

The wedding ceremony of Lee Freyenhagen and Colleen Isabella was performed by Dr. Virgil Brallier in the Foxhollow Center in Lenox on January 26.

A C K N O W L E D G M E N T S

This month we are deeply indebted to the following for their contributions: M/M Robert Carter, Allan Dean, Mary Edmonds, M/M Haywood Everett, M/M Harold Greene & Nancy Brancazzu, M/M Marc Holzer, Mrs. Lawrence Lippert, M/M Harvey Newman, M/M Curtis Paine, Alan Roland, William Stevens, Margaret White.

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